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## VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

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Subject: Approval of Calendar Year (CY) 2021 Colorado Water River Diversion - Wellton-

Mohawk Irrigation and Drainage District (District)

Dear Mr. Grubaugh:

The Bureau of Reclamation has received the District's CY 2021 Colorado River water diversion estimate. In accordance with Title 43, Code of Federal Regulations Part 417 (Part 417), this letter provides the District with notice of my determination regarding the District's proposed diversion and beneficial use of Colorado River water for CY 2021.

Under Contract No. 1-07-30-W0021, as amended, the District is entitled to divert sufficient Colorado River water to supply a consumptive use of up to 278,000 acre-feet (AF) per year.

Based upon a review of the CY 2021 diversion estimate provided by the District, and the information gathered during Reclamation's Part 417 consultation, I approve the diversion of up to 412,965 AF of Colorado River water during CY 2021 for use in the District's service area. Nothing in this letter should be construed as authorizing the District to exceed its annual consumptive use entitlement of 278,000 AF of Colorado River water.

Reclamation will monitor and project diversions and consumptive use of Colorado River water during CY 2021 in an effort to assist each entitlement holder in ensuring its annual approval amount is not exceeded. Beginning in January 2021, these projections will be available to water users each day on Reclamation's website: www.usbr.gov/lc/region/g4000/hourly/forecast.pdf. It is expected that entitlement holders within the state of Arizona will use this information to adjust diversions to remain within approved annual quantities or, as appropriate, seek modification of the approval.

Thank you for submitting the District's diversion estimate for CY 2021. If you have questions, please contact Mr. Jeremy Dodds, Water Accounting and Verification Group Manager, at (702) 293-8164 or jdodds@usbr.gov.

Sincerely,

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